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Former College People Married on December 20

Tessie Degan, Formerly of College Faculty, Marries Dr. Richardson, Its Former President.

A wedding of more than usual interest to people of the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College is that of Miss Tessie Degan and Mr. Ira Richardson, in Alamosa, Colorado, December 20.

Mr. Richardson was president of the College here during the years from 1913 to 1921. After leaving here, he did educational work in the Pacific states and completed the work for his Doctor's Degree. With the establishment of the Adams State Normal School at Alamosa, Colorado, he became president of that institution and is there at present.

Miss Degan was a member of the 1919 graduating class of the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College and was on the faculty the next year as an instructor in commerce, having done her work in that field in the Gregg School in Chicago. She left Maryville to become registrar at the Montana State Normal College, under the presidency of Dr. S. E. Davis, formerly of the faculty of the College here. At the time of her marriage, she was registrar of the Adams State Normal in Alamosa.

After the marriage ceremony, which was read by the rector in the Episcopal Church in Alamosa and witnessed by the faculty of the Normal School, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson left for Denver, where they spent the Christmas vacation. They will be at home in Alamosa after January 15. They are building a summer home, a cottage up in the mountains.

Mrs. Richardson, who besides her work as registrar has charge of the Dramatics Art Department of the College, read the one-act play "The Twelve Pound Look," by Sir James Barrie, for the students during the assembly of January 2. This reading was the feature number on the assembly program.

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The program closed with a discussion of the different plays that were being given at the present time in the great theatres of America. Virginia Lee Ficklin discussed the New York Theatre and Abby Gibson the Chicago Theatre.

Mr. Withington was able to meet only four of his eight extension course classes last week-end on account of snow-drifted roads. He met four classes at St. Joseph on Friday afternoon and night, but was unable to reach Forest City on Saturday, where he has two classes, and Fillmore, where he also has two classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Withington and family spent the Christmas holidays at Lawrence, Kansas, with Mr. Withington's mother, and also at Topeka, with Mrs. Withington's father.

Gay New Smocks Are Initiated in Library

The girls of the library force are initiating their new smocks this week. They decided that they should have some way to show that they were members of the library force. They made their smocks of black sateen with the outlines and titles of books painted in different colors on the back of the smocks.

For the sake of variety, the girls each chose the title of a different book. Following are the names of the girls and the titles of the books:

Margaret Conner—Behind the Beyond.
Alice Nelson—The Spite of Heaven.
Cleola Dawson—Almost Pagan.
Sarah Moore—The Spectator.
Genevieve Buecher—Gay Neck.
Martha Herridge—Pets for Pleasure and Profit.
Marie Kroonblaud—The Tower of Oblivion.

Reads "Twelve Pound Look" to Assembly Group

Miss Criswell, of the Dramatics and Public Speaking Department, Read Barrie's Play, January 2.

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College Library Has Ancient Textbooks

Although the collection of very rare volumes is reserved to the men of wealth, to museums and to world-famous libraries, the library in the College contains a collection of some interest.

On two shelves in the back room of the east library is a small collection of books one might expect to find in a teacher's college. They are old textbooks. The oldest of these books was printed in 1833. The ragged volumes treat of every subject from "Etiquette, a Complete Manual for Ladies and Gentlemen" (1877) to "Montal Arithmetic." Between these two extremes may be found a United States History, issued barely in time to include the Mexican War; a key to Ray's Arithmetic; a Physiology and Anatomy; and the McGuffey Eclectic Readers recently set up and electrotyped."

The collection began five years ago when Mr. Hawkins, former Latin teacher at the College, and Dr. Frank Wallace presented some of their old textbooks to the library. Several other old books are known to be in town and many more would surely be found if everyone recognized the value and interest bound up in such threadbare volumes.

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Date Chosen for Campus Comedy Is January 25th

Student Council Makes Early Announcement of Date so that All Organizations May Be Ready.

The Student Council announces the date of the annual Campus Comedies as Friday, January 25. This will be the fourth of the series of Campus Comedies.

A committee from the Student Council is working on the plans for this year's Campus Comedies. Definite announcements will be made later.

Great interest was shown in the Campus Comedies of 1928. Each organization gave a clever stunt, making the decision for first and second placings difficult for the judges.

The Student Council urges that the president of each organization take advantage of the early announcement and start work on the stunt for his organization.

What some people think of Campus Comedies has been ascertained and is presented herewith:

Lucille Qualls, President of Y. W. C. A.: "I think the Campus Comedies of 1928 were the best that have been given yet. There were some very clever stunts, and keen competition made it interesting for everyone. If this year's Campus Comedies are like last year's they will be good. Also I approve of the idea of prizes given in money."

Kenneth Greson, Cheer Leader: "I have always had the idea that Campus Comedies should deal with something of school life. They should portray a school happening or those things we see around college and should have an element of fun. The Campus Comedies of 1928 were very good and quite well done."

Gordon Trotter, Business Manager of "Tower": "I don't know much about them, but if they are always like they were last year, I know I'll enjoy them. Each club should take an active interest in them and get the best stunt it can."

Violet Hunter, Editor-in-Chief of "Tower": "I've never seen Campus Comedies and don't know what they are, but I'll be there looking for good pictures and good things for the 'Tower'."

W. A. A. Draws Up New Constitution

The Women's Athletic Association has written and adopted a new constitution for the club. At a meeting Wednesday afternoon, January 2, in Social Hall, the new constitution was read by Willetta Todd and accepted by the organization.

The new constitution gives the purpose of the organization, number and duties of officers, requirements for members of the club, the time of elections, the time of the annual banquet, and other minor details.

A new point system was also discussed at the meeting but no definite decision was made concerning it. However a representative from each class was appointed to serve with the W. A. A. Board, the sponsors, and the committee. A meeting of this special committee will be held in the near future.

The new point system is to be in agreement with the National W. A. A. point system in order that the local organization may become affiliated with the national. The new point system will also decide the number of sweaters to be given annually and the requirements for winning a sweater.

During the last few years sweaters have been given to the ten girls having each year the highest number of points in intramural sports. The new point system will probably limit the winning of sweaters to upper-classmen only.

Nellie Harrold is president of the W. A. A.

JUNIOR CLASS HAS MEETING

At a meeting of the Junior Class last Wednesday, January 3, Truman Scott was elected member of the Student Council. Plans were discussed by the class members at the meeting for a Junior "prom." Many of the students would like to see the Junior "prom" made an event of each college year. It is urged that all members of the class be present at the next meeting and help decide the question.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 10—Benreat-Cape Indian game here.
Jan. 11—Sophomore Party.

Jan. 16—Assembly

Jan. 17-18—Springfield game here.

Jan. 19—Sigma Tau Gamma party.

January 23—Assembly

Jan. 24-25—Maryville at Springfield

Jan. 25—Campus Comedies

Jan. 26—Freshman Party

Jan. 28—Assembly (Monday)

Feb. 1—Pi Gamma Mu meeting

Feb. 1-2—Maryville at Cape

Feb. 4—Cook-Paints game here.

Feb. 6—Edward Abner Thompson, reading "Cyrano de Bergerac" at Assembly.

Feb. 28—Dramatics Club Play

Former Student Suggests Books for High School

Berenice B. Beggs, now on Faculty of Kirkville Teachers College, Writes for "Educational Method."

Berenice B. Beggs, a former student of the College and now Assistant Professor in Education and Director of Reading Activity in the State Teachers College at Kirkville, had published in the November issue of "Educational Method" an article entitled "Recent Books Aid in Vitalizing High School Subjects."

To confine teaching to a particular subject and thus hinder high school students from seeing coordinations and correlations among subjects, according to Miss Beggs, means to narrow education. She shows that history, sociology, and civics take on new light when students are directed to read the new biographies, the non-fiction, and even the historical fiction now coming off the press.

Because she believes that teachers welcome information regarding worthwhile books that will vitalize their teaching she presents a list of books suitable for high school reading lists and comments upon each. The list, with part of her comments, follows.

"Disraeli," by Andre Maurois. Appleton and Company, 1928.

The dreariest period of English history is made interesting by this book. The author has unfolded the career of a man who was twice Prime Minister of England, staunch friend to Queen Victoria, and noted diplomat of his day. The book, indeed, is a picture of the Victorian age.

"Julia Marlowe, Her Life and Art," by Charles E. Russell.

High school boys and girls who are studying Hamlet, Macbeth, Merchant of Venice and other Shakespearean dramas will read with keen appreciation the life of the great Shakespearean actress.

"O Rare Ben Johnson" by Byron Steele. Alfred A. Knopf, 1927.

Ben Johnson's life is treated in a most interesting manner and the eccentric pedant enlists one's sympathy and arouses one's sense of humor at the same time. Shakespeare's plays take on

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Music Students Give Program at Assembly

The assembly program on Wednesday, January 9, was given by the pupils of the Conservatory of Music.

Those taking part in the program included pupils of Mrs. Caldwell, advanced pupils of Mr. Holdridge, a corner pupil of Mr. Hiekkernell, a voice pupil of Mr. Bronson, and violin pupils of Miss Dvorak. Mr. Gardner, head of the Conservatory, announced the numbers.

Mr. Waller not only made the traditional cuts in the opera, but also gave also the traditional interpretation of it. In doing this after the French manner of conducting "Faust," he showed how he would train the soloists for the various parts and let the local directors know exactly what he would expect of them and what they might expect of people sent out by the company.

Each director, according to Mr. Gardner, came home from the meeting feeling that he had caught the spirit of the opera and that he was eager to convey that spirit to the local musicians who are to furnish the chorus and the orchestra work.

"Faust" is being produced this season by the Cramer Festival Company in about eighteen different localities. Among those are Kirkville State Teachers College, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo and Flint, Michigan, and Hays, Kansas.

The program was opened by the pupils of Mrs. Caldwell. The first number was a pre-school pupil, Irene Heideman. She played "Folk Dance," (traditional). Marjorie Anne Rupe, from the primary department, played "The Mocking Bird," by Miessner. The intermediate department was represented by Marguerite Curnan who played "Gypsy Dance" by Carr. Virginia Watt from the junior high school department played "Ivy" by Renk.

The program of the advanced pupils of Mr. Holdridge and Miss Dvorak was as follows:

Violin solo, "Mazurka" (Nolek) Marion Kirk.

Cornet solo, "Polka" (Goldman) Willard McClinton.

Piano solo, "Novello" (Schumann) Thomas Lawrence.

Baritone solo, "Since We Parted" (Albertson); "You in a Gondola" (Clarke), Luther Blackwelder.

Piano solo "Valeik" (Mokrojs) Fay Osborne.

Violin quartet numbers: "Russian National Hymn" (Livoft); "O Sanctissima" (Sicilian Melody), Vera Smith, Irma Goyer, Virginia Dodd, Marjorie Cole.

FRESHMAN CLASS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Freshmen

was held on Thursday, January 3, in the Auditorium. Arrangements were

made for the members to take the same

seats in regular class meetings that

they have in Assembly. Dean Barnard

Kappa Phi Holds its Anniversary Banquet

Kappa Omicron Phi held a Founders' Day Banquet at 6:30 o'clock, Saturday evening, December 11, at Smart's. The dinner was in celebration of the sixth anniversary of the founding of the sorority.

A large basket of fruit and holly formed the centerpiece of the table. Guests received tiny baskets of candy at favors. The place cards, representing "Winged Victory," had the program for the evening printed on them.

Virginia Nicholas, Grace Horn, and Elsie Saville comprised the program committee. Bernice Cox, president of the local chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi, presided as toastmistress.

The following toasts were given: "Manifestations," Mrs. F. R. Marcell; "The Early Days," Mrs. James Anderson; "The Afterwhiles," Harriet Miller; "Where We Are Today," Gertrude Wray; and "When My Dreams Come True."

Miss Hettie Anthony, sponsor of the local chapter and National President of Kappa Omicron Phi, was presented with a pearl necklace of the chapter.

At four o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the initiation services for the pledges of Kappa Omicron Phi were held in the Home Economics rooms of the College. The pledges taken into active membership at that time were Garland Groom, Elsie Saville, Grace Horn, Reba Puthuff, Florence Wray, and Miss Ruth Blanshan. After the initiation ceremony, the pledges gave a short program of songs and poetry.

The guests at the banquet included the pledges named, Mrs. F. R. Marcell, Miss Hettie Anthony, Mrs. James Anderson, Miss Gladys Adkins, and Mrs. Ellen White, alumnae; and Mary Kantz, Alyce Hastings, Virginia Nicholas, Gertrude Wray, active members; and Reta Owen, pledge.

Pep Squad Shoots "Indian" from Cape

At the opening game of the basketball season, between the Cape Girardeau "Indians" and the Maryville "Bears," the Girls' Pep Squad gave the first of their series of stunts for the season.

The first of the stunt finds a group of girls in an archery class. They have their bows and arrows and are practicing with the target. Suddenly one girl sees an "Indian" stealing across the scene. She screams, bringing the attention of the group upon the intruder. They shoot at the "Indian" and he falls dead. Then the group dances around the dead Indian (Cape Girardeau). Finishing their dance they drag him off the field of action, thus representing the victorious spirit of Maryville.

Miss Martindale, Director of Physical Education for Women, helped the girls with the Indian Dance.

Leola Miller is president of the Girls' Pep Squad and Pauline Andrews is captain. At the present time there are twenty-one members in the squad.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Marcell took a "Tower" picture of the squad.

Students Exchange Coupons for Ticket

Athletic coupons were on exchange Monday and Tuesday for season tickets to the conference basketball games. Each of the four state teachers' colleges, Cape Girardeau, Springfield, Warrensburg, and Kirksville will play conference games. Two home games will be played with each college.

People who are not members of the College will pay seventy-five cents to see each game. This means that if a student of the College had to pay to see each of the conference games, he would have to pay a total amount of six dollars. The entire coupon book costs the student only five dollars and the one athletic coupon in the book has a real value of six dollars.

At the basketball games these tickets are good for seats on the west side of the gymnasium. This makes it more convenient for concentrated rooting and yelling.

Y. W. C. A.

It is the purpose of the Y. W. C. A. to assist in providing for every girl on the campus, a richer spiritual and social life. To make this possible, the Y. W. wishes to have listed in its membership a large percentage of all the girls in the College.

The Y. W. C. A. is nationally and internationally recognized. The United States is divided into nine Y. W. C. A. districts, this school being located in the Southwest Region, including Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. District meetings are held each year at Hollister, Missouri. Last summer five girls from this school were delegates to the convention. A sinking fund is maintained by this chapter to

make it possible for representatives to be sent.

The local association engages in various activities, religious, educational, and recreational. At Christmas time the club adopted a needy family which was provided with a lovely Christmas basket. One social meeting is held each quarter. At various times the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. hold joint meetings at which subjects of general interest are discussed. Prayer Week is observed jointly by the two organizations.

Regular meetings of the Y. W. C. A. are held every Tuesday afternoon at 4:20 in Room 205. At these meetings there is always something of special interest. This week a discussion was held of the social problems on the campus. The Y. W. extends to every girl a special invitation to be present at its next meeting.

Hot Lunches Served in Training School

For the third year a hot lunch project is being carried out in the Training School. The hot lunch is purely optional. Sixteen children have consented to bring thirty cents a week in order to enjoy the advantages of it. A committee of four children is appointed each week to wash dishes and serve.

The cooking, which is overseen by Florence Wray, is done in the room on the first floor under the west stairway.

In this room is an oil stove, unbreakable dishes, and cooking utensils. The first hot lunch was served Monday, January eighth.

Sigma Tau Gammas Move to New House

Members of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity moved during the first days of January from their old fraternity house at 614 West Second Street to a house at 221 South Main Street, belonging to Mr. Sheridan Graves, of Burlington Junction. Nineteen boys are now staying at the house. Earl Duse, Charles Thomas, Charles Chapman, and Walter Mutz are the new members who have moved into the house on South Main.

The fraternity boys seem to be divided on the question of whether the greater comfort of their new home makes up for the increased distance which they have to walk to school. The weather has, for some time, been somewhat severe for "Babe," their usual means of conveyance.

A dance sponsored by the Sigma Tau members, is to be held in the Elks Club Hall, January 19. A housewarming in honor of the new home and in memory of the old is to be held in the near future, but no definite plans have as yet been made.

Virginia Wright, a student at the College, fell and broke her ankle, January 6, while taking part in a snow frolic at the home of Oleola Dawson. Miss Wright was taken to the St. Francis Hospital where the broken bone was set.

On account of the snow storm of Saturday, January 5, several students who went home for the weekend were unable to get back for classes on Monday. Some left their cars and returned by train, while others waited for the roads to be opened. Almost everybody was back by the middle of the week. Deeply drifted snow was reported in the east and west roads, making travel by car almost impossible.

Seniors to Elect Representative

A meeting of the Senior Class was held at 12:45, Monday, January 8, for the purpose of nominating candidates for representative on the Student Council to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Dorothy McCord. The following candidates were nominated: Dorothy McCord, Rebecca Boyd, Felix Brown, Charles Thomas, and Sharlyne Qualls. The election will be held in Room 227, Friday, at 12:45.

Sophomores to Have Party Friday Night

The Sophomore class will hold a party for its members on Friday night, January 11, from 8 to 11:15, in the west library.

The evening will be spent in dancing, games, and card playing, after which refreshments will be served.

The entertainment committee consists of Leola Miller, Louise Smith, Winifred Baker, Beatrice Puckett, Earl Somerville, and Truman Nickerson.

Those on the refreshment committee are Neva Bruce, Mildred Wilson, Carl Massie and Robert Edwards.

Financing the occasion will be made possible by means of a small fee charged each member of the class. The members of a finance committee appointed by the class president at the last meeting are acting as collectors.

The snow storm which visited Northwest Missouri Friday and Saturday, drifted the College drives until it was impossible for cars to reach the College for several hours.

Variety of Activity Offered at Gymnasium

There is a great variation in the work being done in the activity classes in physical education offered for the winter quarter. The women have a greater choice than the men however, since they may choose dancing, indoor sports, swimming or corrective gym work.

In Miss Martindale's dancing class the work for the present is the Skater's Dance. They are also studying the technique of Russian bar work. The members of the class, forty in number including two men members, have secured new costumes for the work. The costumes are of various colored silks. Great interest is being shown in the class work.

The indoor sports classes, taught by Miss Barton, are studying the rules and technique of volley ball. They will later take up basket ball as the class work.

For the first time in gymnasium classes parallel bar and horse work is being done. This new work was started in Miss Goodheart's general gymnasium classes. Group leaders were trained by Miss Goodheart to lead squads. Miss Goodheart is also offering a new program in corrective class in the form of strictly individual work. The members have signed up for the correction of postural defects only.

The 8:00 o'clock boys' gymnasium class is made up of members of the Boys' Pep Squad. They are being given marching and pyramid building by Mr. Lawrence.

Mr. Davis is teaching basket ball in his activity classes. He is also offering an evening class in mass basketball which meets three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at seven o'clock.

Miss Lowery's Christmas vacation was made unpleasant by a rather severe attack of the "flu." She was unable to meet her classes the first week after vacation but is now able to meet them. She returned to her work in the College, January 7.

Florence Wray, home economics major, has charge of the hot lunch in the training school this quarter. She began her work Friday, January 4.

Voris Brown, who is teaching in the Harmony Consolidated district, visited at the College last Monday and Tuesday. Because of the blocked roads he was unable to get back to his work after having spent the weekend in Maryville.

The county and city superintendents of Missouri will meet at Columbia next week. This will be a State meeting called by the state superintendent.

Miss Katherine Franken will go to St. Joseph and Carrollton, Friday and Saturday, to meet her extension classes.

News About College

The appearance of the campus is being improved by the trimming of the shrubbery around the administration building.

The two lamp posts just in front of the College look as if they have not recovered from their New Year's escapade.

The Biology 13b class has been dissecting frogs. It seems that an insufficient amount of ether was given, and to the astonishment of the class, many frogs came to life, after some dissecting had been done. One even came to life enough to jump out of the pan.

Volley Ball Starts as Winter Sport

Announcement of the start of volleyball, the third sport of the intra-mural series in the first winter sport, was made by Miss Barton, Director of Women's Athletics. The first call was made for Monday, January 7.

Volley ball is one of the favorite sports among the women of the College, and a big turn out is expected. Keen competition among the classes is usually found in volleyball.

Mr. Dildine, of the Social Science Department, was unable to meet his extension course class at Trenton last Saturday on account of the snow storm. He made the trip as far as Gallatin, but because of drifted highways was unable to reach his destination.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinnaird had as their guests at Christmas time, Mrs. Kinnaird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Fisher, her sisters, Vera and Velma, and brother, I. J. Jr., all of Warrensburg. Miss Velma Fisher is instructor of vocational economics at Ava, Mo.

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Over the Library Desk

The year 1920 has made a good start in the library. Students have fallen in well with the new regulations to use the east library for reference work and the west library for general text-book work.

A large supply of new books for browsing and delightful spare time occupation are here for those who are interested. More students are reading books which are not required reading. Many students are spending delightful hours among the stacks picking out books for week-end reading. If they do not have time for this, they may choose a book from the interesting group which Miss Brumbaugh, the reading adviser for the students, places on the charging desk every Thursday.

The new book shelf is full, and overflowing. Faculty and students are invited to come down and get acquainted with the new books. Any librarian will show you where they are. Here are a few of the most interesting of them:

Dickinson—Best Books of Our Time.

Kenworthy—Peace or War?

Douglas—Europe and the Far East.

VanRensselaer—Art Out of Doors.

Quackenbush—All in a Garden Fair.

Guptill—Sketching and Rendering in Pencl.

Little Books of Old French Furniture—in four volumes.

Krehbiel—How to Listen to Music.

Hazard—Frontier of American Literature.

Brooks—Emerson and Others.

Reynolds—The Learned Lady of England.

Wilson—Society Women of Shakespeare's Time.

Ingraham—The True Chatterton.

Wilkins—The Changing College.

Rogers—Handbook of Stunts.

Sedwick—The Garden, Month by Month.

Lutes—Table Setting and Service.

For the year 1920 the library has the following suggestions for students. Do not buy books from agents.

Buy single copies in special subjects, but do not buy any sets.

If you do buy a set of reference books, come to the library and have the librarian help you check the prices.

Mr. Withington went to Fillmore and Oregon during the vacation for the purpose of conducting his extension classes at each place.

Miss Katherine Franken conducted her extension class at Carrollton during the vacation.

Student and Former Student Marry

Mildred Russel and Conrad Blackman were married Saturday, December 29, in Maryville, at the South Methodist Church, by Reverend H. D. Thompson. Mrs. Blackman is a teacher in the schools at Elmo and will continue teaching until spring. Mr. Blackman is a student at the College.

Miss Caldwell is carrying on an experiment in her piano department with her pre-school aged children from four to six. They take two lessons a week—one class lesson and one private lesson.

By means of games the children are taught rhythm, time, and sight reading. The children are able to do solo work and also ensemble work.

The College farm sold six registered Poland China gilts to Misses Margaret and Katherine Franken Christmas for their mother's farm at Norborne. The gilts, when taken from the College farm weighed about four hundred pounds each, and were only nine months old.

Mr. Cam Hagan finished gathering corn on the College farm the day after Christmas. This year's crop made about fifty bushels to the acre, with approximately twenty-five acres under cultivation.

The basketball game scheduled for Saturday night, January 5, between the Bears and the Nave-McCord five, of St. Joseph, was cancelled on account of the weather. The St. Joseph team was unable to make the trip.

Paris Phipps got a bad start in the new year when he tried to crank a Ford on New Year's Day. The radius bone of his right arm was broken near the wrist. The injury, though very painful at the time, seems to be improving satisfactorily now.

The dance which was given Friday, January 4, by the boys employed in the College Cafeteria, was well attended in spite of the sudden drop of the mercury. The music was furnished by Ted Bredehoe's orchestra.

PRIMARY COUNCIL MEETS

The regular primary council meeting was held just before Christmas. A short program was given. The first topic was taken from "Child Life" and was a discussion of behavior. The next talk was given by Miss Millikan on the behavior problem. Daisy Bassett gave a closing discussion on "Why Get Together in a Group?" The members participated in various contests after the program.

Footsteps

Footsteps are indicators of personalities. They express the various moods, and convey ideas of the habits, tastes and qualities of the people whom we meet in our daily perambulations. How much can we learn of humanity by listening to the footsteps of those who go by our houses. There are the quick, lively footsteps that keep time to the high-beating hearts of the young and the happy—there are the slow, dragging footsteps that tell of the aged and the disillusioned.

Perhaps the most joyful footsteps are those of children running and playing. How we do love to hear them stamping through the house! Their mothers protest and exclaim, "Children, be quiet! My nerves are killing me!" And their dads bark out, "You kids cut out that infernal racket!" But kids are kids, and parents had better keep a supply of nerve tonic and provide rubber-heeled shoes.

Living conditions on the frontier—which frontier one may see by visiting the primary department in the College Elementary school—are growing better. The first grade in the primary department is building a store as a result of need for food supply. No longer will the settlers have to depend upon traps and guns for the entire supply of meat. This store is a grocery store but will have in stock such articles of clothing as will be needed by the hardy pioneers.

A new post office is being built in the nearest village to the settlement.

The second grade has charge of the construction work. When the stage coach returns from the frontier settlement this week for passengers, mail, and supplies, the new post office will be finished.

One of the pupils will be appointed postmaster and various postmen will visit the homes of the village to deliver and collect the letters. Actual mail boxes are being made by these primary students. One will be placed on the front of the home which has already been built by the department and one will be placed in the road. Incidentally,

the second grade is learning the use of a yard stick and fundamentals

The Stroller

By T. H. F.

The Stroller wishes everybody a Happy New Year. He hopes they will be happier than Charles Rupert was when Dean Barnard told him that the freshman party would just be put off all because she happened to hear him remark that he was glad to get back to college after vacation so that he could catch up on sleep.

Of course they did not do it, but they were "suspects" just the same. The Stroller refers to Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gardner. When they were returning from Chicago, where they had driven for their vacation, they were stopped, just as they were about to cross the Illinois river and questioned by officers of the law. They had a hard time convincing the officers that they were not the two bank robbers who were escaping in a green car from the town where someone had just held up the cashier and carried off a large sum of money. Finally, they established their identity, or convinced the officers by their innocent faces that they were not bold, bad robbers. But their sighs of relief were short-lived, for at the other end of the bridge were more officers who were also suspicious of them. How they convinced the second lot of officers Mr. Phillips won't tell, and Mr. Gardner says, "Ash Phillips!"

Will a car run when all the weight is on one side of it? Frank Moore thought it would, but evidently found out it would not the day he and his girl borrowed a car to go down-town. At any rate, he reported that the car was out of gasoline, though the Stroller, who had been trailing the car, heard the man at the filling station tell him what the real trouble was.

The Stroller is trying to get his work done early this week so she can go to the gymnasium and visit Miss Martindale's 1:30 dancing class. At last he has learned to her great amusement that the College has in its midst two graceful men dancers, Earl Duse and Graham Malotte. These two have braved the presence of all the ladies in the class and are eager members of the class.

The Stroller wonders why Mr. Phillips hesitates to swear "by a jugful" anymore.

What on earth could have been the trouble with Miss Helwig last Monday morning? Was she disturbed from a Sunday date? The Stroller heard her call 152 (that is Cummings, the undertaker) and say, "Will you please send out to the College for Miss Helwig? . . . No! she's not dead!"

What the one at the other end of the line said, the Stroller does not know, but he must have had a shock from the way Miss Helwig looked as she quickly hung up the receiver. Consulting the directory, she called again for 250 (that is the Physicians' Building) and said, "Will you please send out to the College for Miss Helwig? . . . What? No, she is not ill! . . . Oh! . . ." And she hung up again saying, "Oh, dear! What is the number of that taxi company?"

For fear that he might embarrass Miss Helwig by seeming to have noticed what she had done, the Stroller rushed off to Miss Painter's class in English 62b just in time to hear her say as he dropped panting into his seat, "People today do things so fast that they haven't any time."

The Stroller has heard students talk about "killing assignments" which some teachers make. The other day he heard an English teacher say, "Tomorrow we are going to take the life of Mr. Tennyson. Everybody come prepared." He wonders if this is a killing assignment or a plot to commit murder.

At least there is one person in the College who doesn't mind the recent snow. Benny Ausman says he doesn't mind it as long as it doesn't block the way to the dorm. The Stroller is still wondering why.

Speaking of the snow, the Stroller really knows a good story about it. At any rate he knows how costly it can be for members of the faculty who have cars. Miss Martindale and Miss Taylor had to be helped out of the snow twice one afternoon. And then it cost them some more later when they were beaten badly in bridge by the Sir Gallahads' of the afternoon, Miss Blanshan and Miss Goodheart. Anyway, Miss Blanshan and Miss Goodheart ate triple-decker sandwiches that evening. Here is where the hard part comes in for the two heroines. They were limited to one sandwich because of exhausted purses.

One of the faculty bachelors, an authority on health education, et cetera, says that it is very bad to give a baby a "satisfier" to keep him quiet. The Stroller, not being a member of the class in which the advice was given, hesitates to describe the amusement the students got out of the remark.

FRATERNITY NAMES PLEDGES

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Carter, Floyd Houghton and Robert Edwards.

College High Debates Maryville

The affirmative debating team of the College High School will debate the Maryville High School team Friday, January 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The speakers for Maryville will be Arthur Brewer and Marvin Shambarger. Wilbur Heekin and Dorothy Glenn will represent the College High School. One critic judge, who has not been selected at this time, will judge the debate.

Miss DeLuce Receives Book About Capitol

Miss DeLuce, of the art department, has just received a complimentary copy of a book entitled "The Missouri State Capitol." This book was sent her by Dr. Pickard, Professor of the History of Fine Arts at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Pickard was chairman of the committee for the building and decoration of the Capitol at Jefferson City. The book which he sent Miss DeLuce gives the complete history of the decoration of the building and is profusely decorated.

Miss DeLuce has made a study of the art in the State Capitol and has lectured upon the subject. She is doing much to make known to the people of Missouri the art that is to be found within the state.

News-Letter Tells of Mercy Hospital

The Missouri Society for Crippled Children includes in its news-letter of January 1 a statement concerning Mercy Hospital in Kansas City about which many questions are asked by those interested in bringing relief to crippled children. The article following is copied directly from the news-letter.

Mercy Hospital was founded in 1897 for the care of sick and crippled children by Dr. Alice Graham, sister of Dr. Katherine Richardson, who has carried on the work since Dr. Graham's death in 1913. According to the cornerstone stone it is "to be forever non-sectarian, non-local, and for those who cannot pay." The new building was erected in 1917 and accommodates 125 patients almost any number of whom may be crippled children. Recently a contagious hospital has been added so that the service is thereby considerably extended. The staff is a general and permanent one and includes two orthopedic surgeons. In addition there is physiotherapy and occupational therapy service and a full-time teaching staff. All of this service is open to any of Missouri's children whether they are able to pay or not. And last year it was furnished at the remarkably low rate of \$1.97 per patient per day. Miss Anna Anderson is superintendent.

Civilian Rehabilitation

The State Director of Vocational Education has filed a requisition to have \$50,000 appropriated by the next legislature to match Federal money for the rehabilitation of those injured in industry and otherwise. This service is open to any of Missouri's children whether they are able to pay or not. And last year it was furnished at the remarkably low rate of \$1.97 per patient per day. Miss Anna Anderson is superintendent.

Industrial Art

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Each member plans the design for the piece of furniture he wishes to make; then with the approval of Mr. Whiffen, he draws a full sized design of each part of the piece in order to be sure of the size of the article.

One of the best pieces of work being done in the class is a dining room table. It is a gate legged table of solid walnut. The walnut is of exceptional grain and especially selected and designed. It is put together to match beautifully. The turned legs are very well done. William Smith is the designer of the table.

Another beautiful design is a dressing table of fine walnut. It was planned and made by Ralph Todd.

A built-up reading lamp, having from one hundred to two hundred pieces of wood of various colors, is being made by Wayne Vencil. Jewel Boxes of various colored wood are being designed and made by Wilson Dowden. A class project is a two-toned walnut chest.

The class is planning a down-town display of their projects sometime this spring.

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The training school boys are doing some different work. New equipment has been placed at their disposal with benches to fit the size of each child. They have saws and hammers which are a source of wonder for them. At Christmas time they made home gifts with their materials. The children are under supervision but most of the work is their own project and some very interesting work is being done.

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Sigma Sigma Sigma Wins in Scholarship

A silver Scholarship Cup, which is awarded by L. G. Balfour Company, was received January 8 by Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma. This award is made to the chapter making the highest scholastic average for a year and was won by Alpha Epsilon Chapter for the year 1927-28, during which time the following members of Tri Sigma were students in the College—Katherine Mills, Virginia Nicholas, Pauline Walker, Georgia Ellen Trusty, Charlotte McLoughlin, Grace Gallatin, Sue Hawkins, Helen McMahon, Ileen Weatherly Johnson, Mary Todd, Rebecca Briggs, Virginia Braun, Meron Williams, and Leona Pfander.

There are twenty-four chapters of Sigma Sigma Sigma and grades from all these chapters are sent to the National Chairman of Scholastic Grades who averages the standing and reports the chapter having the highest average.

The cup was first presented to Alpha Chapter of the State Teachers College, Farmville, Virginia in 1921-22. Chi Chapter of the State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas, won the honor for the next three years and in 1925-26 it went to Alpha Beta Chapter, Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, Chi Chapter winning again in 1926-27.

The local chapter, winning the honor for 1927-28, is making a definite effort to keep the cup in its possession by winning the same honor in 1928-29.

ARMINTY SOUDROP

Arminy Soudrop was as sweet as clabbered milk. Her crabid disposition was pictured in her thin, pallid face which originated directly beneath a hard knot of twisted white hair and ended, at last, in her sharply pointed chin. Her nose was long and keen—which was remarkable, considering the affairs it had been poked into. Her mouth, which had never known a smile, was a straight, hard line, and her uncarved cheeks were slightly hollow. Her eyes were the same color as an angry cat's and were capable of regarding one with an unsmiling, unwavering intensity, which made him feel far from comfortable.—Paul Smith. (Writers Club)

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Bearcats Defeat Cape in Second

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The game started with goal by C. Sarff who took the tip-off and dribbled across the court to tally. Both teams missed long shots. Then Ford and J. Sarff each scored to make the count, Cape 6—Maryville 0. The Bearcats took time out. Burks then scored Maryville's first point with a free throw. The Maryville passing combination seemed not to be working as well as usual, but Ungles and W. Dowell connected presently for the Bearcats first field goals. Score 6 to 5, Cape. The score was even with Ungles and Burks coming in for their share of the goals. With Maryville five points in the lead Cape took time out. Ford, high-point man during the first game was unable to connect with any of the long shots he tried. Burks scored a pretty one from the side court only to miss an easy one under the basket as the half ended with Maryville twelve points in the lead.

Burgess of Cape started the scoring in the second half. Then Hedges showed he hadn't quite forgot how to hit the basket. It seemed for a time that the scoring would be lighter than in the first game, but such was not the case.

Burks saw to that. He was all over the court, repeatedly dribbling down the floor from in front of the basket. Fisher scored his only basket of the game, and Ford made his only counter of the last half about this time. With the score

47 to 15, the crowd began shouting "Make it fifty." And fifty it was when Burks dropped in two more and R. Dowell arched a pretty one from near the free throw line. Long shots by Sams, Cape center, and W. Dowell, and the scoring of Burks, who made 24 points during the game were features of the last half. The final gong sounded with Maryville's score three points over the 50 mark.

If the fast-moving Bearcats keep up at the pace they set during the first two games, the Growlers' prophecy of a "Championship for Maryville" will surely come true. The Indians go from here to Warrensburg for a two-game series and Maryville meets Kirksville here in a double-header next week.

To the early Missourians who made the dialect, the creek or "erick" was a "branch." Upon it in winter the ice was "slick" not "slippery." The Missouri dialect is a social dialect, and is used at "you all's" house. No, "you all" is not a corruption, but the best

of English. The Missouri dialect does not get its phrases from the darkey, or from any degenerate mode of speech.

It comes in large measure from the King James version of the Bible, that "well of English undefiled." When

the Missourian "went to meet in," he heard the apostolic benediction, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

The early Missourians invented the Missouri dialect, and we who are trustees of the wealth inherited from him are the temporary custodians thereof.

The Missouri dialect is neither coarse nor rough. In it one may swear, but only as a gentleman swears; shout, but only as a gentleman shouts. The letter "r" has small place in the alphabet of the original Missouri dialect, though

a wicked and perverse generation has drilled into our children's speech along with the omission of "sir" and "ma'am." When the letter "r" was employed at all, it was for "ornament" rather than for use. Even the stranger within our gates (he should not long remain a stranger so hospitable a commonwealth), when he hears the Missouri dialect as it was before the old maid dictionary makers of both sexes robbed it of much of its distinctive charm, marvels at its surpassing beauty.

He may not be able at first to understand it, any more than he understands classical music, but if honest with himself he will rave over its delightsomeness as some persons rave over grand opera. There is fame and fortune awaiting the opera company that will sing "The Girl of the Golden West" or some real grand opera in the original Missouri dialect. Of course, it would not be "The Girl of the Golden West" at all, but the "gyurl." There is a picture in a single word—"gyurl"—not a young lady, not even, save the mark a "kid." "Gyurl" suggests a wholesome, dimpled, vivacious, slender figure, who could wear a ball dress or a gingham apron with equal grace. And she made the likeliest courting' the she said "do" and "flo" and "wah." She "weaved" and spun. Did you ever hold a hank of yarn? Perhaps there is no other occupation on earth more tiresome when done for your grandmother. But if you held the hank of yarn for the right "gyurl," that was different.

And in the Missouri dialect, no Missourian "gyurl" preferred a "finicky" man. "Finicky" antedated "sassy"

and "mollycoddle" and is, as Uncle Remus would say, more "servigorous" than either. Nor has the race of "finicky" men, I regret to say, who know not the Missouri dialect, perished from the earth.

Archie though the Missouri dialect was and is, where it survives in any degree in its original simplicity, it had high-born origin. The early Missourian brought his English speech from the south of England, the speech of Cambridge and Oxford and of Stratford-on-Avon. He fed it with books of the eighteenth century, the library of yesterday in the Missouri homes. There were not many books in the first Missouri homes, but they were used books. A book in the hand is worth a thousand in the Carnegie Library. A single running stream enriches the land more than all the reservoirs.

The expressions used in the Missouri dialect are now taking their meals at the home of Mrs. Clara Chick, 520 West Forest. Those now eating there are: Misses Smith, Fisher, Millikan, Keith, Criswell, Dykes, Blasius, Barron, Painter, Lowery, Goddard, Goodheart, and Martindale. Besides the faculty women, Miss Maud Taylor is taking her meals there.

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